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Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1971

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1971, compiled in accordance with the direction of the Department of Health and Social Security.

Vital Statistics

The Registrar Generals' estimate of population for mid-year is 18,190, a decrease of 460 on the previous year. The sample Census in 1966 gave the population as 17,610 : 8,550 males and 9,060 females. The 1971 Census gives 18,140 as the population for Portslade U.D.C.

The death rate corrected by the Registrar General's comparability factor of 1.00 was 10.1 compared with a 1970 rate of 10.8. The number of deaths from all causes was 183 (1970-201)—97 males and 86 females. An analysis of the main causes of deaths will be found on page 6 of this report. Deaths from lung cancer 9 (1970-14).

The birth rate corrected by the Registrar General's comparability factor of .98 was 20.0, compared with 17.6 in 1970. The total number of live births 371 (1970-335). There were 18 illegitimate live births, giving an illegitimacy rate of 5% of all live births (1970-7%). The figure for stillbirths 2 (1970—8). Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births 5 (1970—23.0). Infant deaths (under 1 year) 7 (1970—10). Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 19 (1970—30). Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births 20 (1970—22). Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil (1970—130). Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births 13 (1970—24). Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) 13 (1970—24). Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) 11 (1970---24). Perinatal mortality rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births) 16 (1970—47). Maternal deaths Nil (1970—Nil).

Infectious Diseases

265 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during 1971, compared with 88 in 1970. (232 cases of measles in 1971 against 50 in 1970). Scarlet Fever 16 and Whooping Cough 15.

Mass Radiography

Figures regarding this service can be found on page 16 of this report.

B.C.G. Vaccination

Table on page 16 sets out particulars of the work done in this field.

Old People

Help and advice is given by the Geriatric Health Visitors attached to my staff. There were no compulsory removals under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948 in Portslade during 1971.

As in previous years, I would like to express my grateful thanks to Mr. Tozer, Clerk of the Council, Mr. Farmer, Surveyor, and Mr. Donald, Public Health Inspector for their ready assistance at all times.

I should also like to record my appreciation of the support which I have received from members of the Public Health Committee.

N. I. CONDON,
Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS 1971

ENGLAND & WALES—PERSONS

Estimated Mid-Year Home Population, 48,987,700 (1970) 48,815,000 (1971).

	Number	*Rate*
Live births	783,165	16.0 per 1,000 population
Stillbirths	9,898	12.0 per 1,000 total births
Deaths	567,345	11.6 per 1,000 population
Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year of age) ..	13,726	18.0 per 1,000 live births
Neonatal Mortality (deaths) under 4 weeks of age) ..	9,113	12.0 per 1,000 live births
Early Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 1 wk. of age)	7,750	10.0 per 1,000 live births
Perinatal Mortality (still-births and deaths under 1 week of age)	17,648	22.0 per 1,000 total births

VITAL STATISTICS 1971

Population : 18,190.

Area (Acres) : 1,961

	Total	M	F
DEATHS :	183	97	86
Death Rate : 10.1 (Standard). 10.1 (Corrected).			
	Total	M	F
Live Births	371	178	193
Live Birth rate per 1000 population ..	20.4 (Standard) 20.0 (Corrected)		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births : 5%			
Stillbirths .. 2	—	—	—
Rate per 1000 Total live and stillbirths : 5.00			
Total Live and Still Births ..	373	179	194
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	7	71	6
Infant Mortality Rates :			
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births ..			19.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 Legitimate live births			20.0

	Total	M.	F.
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 Illegitimate live births			—
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)			13.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)			11.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still-births)			16.0
Maternal Mortality (inclusive abortion):			
Number of deaths			Nil
Rate per 1000 total live and still-births			Nil

DEATHS 1971

	Male	*Female*
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases ..	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ..	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	4	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	8	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	3	
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	—
Diabetes Mellitus	—	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System ..	3	1
Hypertensive Disease	2	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	32	23
Other forms of Heart Disease	2	8
Cerebrovascular Disease	15	14
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..	5	1
Pneumonia	4	9
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	3
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	1	—
Peptic Ulcer	—	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System ..	1	1

Hyporplasia of Prostate	1	—
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System ..	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ..	—	2
Congenital Anomalies	1	3
Birth injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ..	—	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	1
All Other Accidents	1	—
	97	86
Total	183	

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

DRAINAGE.

The whole of the public roads in the district are sewered by gravitation on the water carriage system.

All houses in the District are connected to the public sewers with the following exceptions :

HOUSES SERVED BY CESSPOOLS.

There are 8 houses served by cesspools.

All sewerage is discharged into intercepting sewers which are under the control of the Portslade and Southwick Outfall Sewerage Board. Disposal is by means of Sea Outfall owned by the Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR. The Public Health Inspector has prepared the following Annual Statement of his visits and notices :

Houses inspected for housing defects ..	317
Number of inspections made for the purpose.	637
Houses inspected under Public Health Acts ..	133
Number of inspections made for that purpose	273
Number of complaints received.	420
Informal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act) ..	26
Formal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act) ..	6
Houses found dirty or verminous ..	24
Defective and Choked Drains	12
Defective Closets	12

Defective Sinks	7
Defective Roofs and Gutters	26
Damp Walls and Ceilings	95
Defective Walls and Ceilings	57
Defective Floors	11
Defects to Windows, Doors, etc.	59
Defects to Grates	2
Defects to Chimneys	4

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The destruction of rats and mice has been successfully continued throughout the year, both in surface properties and in the Council's sewers.

During the year 84 rat and 85 mice infestations were dealt with on surface properties and 1 sewer treatment carried out.

The treatment is now free to all properties.

Eradication of Vermin.

During the year 24 houses were found to be in a dirty or verminous condition and of these, 18 were disinfested by spraying with insecticides.

This work has been carried out by the Council and the cost of materials has been charged to the Owner or Occupier.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

Provided at December, 1971

Council Houses and Flats		1,187
Old Peoples Bungalows		33
Other Properties purchased by Council ..		11
"Evelyn Court"	7 X 1 bed flats	7
	15 bedsitters	15
"Hazelholt"	1 X 1 bed flat	1
	22 bedsitters	22
2 Wardens Houses		2
		1,278

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year*:

(1)	(*a*)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	317
	(*b*)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	634
(2)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	—
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	317

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	14

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.

There are 44 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream and 7 premises registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, pickled or preserved food.

There were 84 inspections of registered premises throughout the year.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960.

During the year 127 inspections of food premises were made and in 4 of them infringements of the Regulations were found.

Notices were served in respect of the following items :—

Provision of First Aid Materials	—
Display of Notices requiring persons to wash their hands after using sanitary convenience ..	3
Provision of towels, soap, etc.	—
Dirty walls and ceilings	—
Food not adequately protected	—
Insufficient lighting	1
Absence of adequate supply of hot water ..	—

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MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

The following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption.

190 lbs. of Beef
22 „ „ Lamb
3 „ „ Pork
52 Chickens
8 Ducks
2 Turkeys
880 pkts. of Fish
598 „ „ Vegetables
695 „ „ Meat products
271 pies
329 lbs. of cheese
1,567 cans of food

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1936

Total number of registered premises at end of year 1970:

Offices	23
Retail Shops	80
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	10
Catering Establishments ..	13

Number of Persons Employed:

Offices	323
Retail Shops	374
Warehouses	181
Catering Establishments ..	59
Canteen	5
Total Males	455
Total Females ..	487

Total number of visits to registered premises: 82

Number of Contraventions of Act found:

Abstract of Act not exhibited	3
Thermometer not provided	1
Insufficient First Aid Materials	—
Insufficient Washing Facilities	—
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation	—
Insufficient Heating ..	1
Insufficient Lighting ..	1
Number of Notices served	—
Floors, passage and stairs ..	—

Number of Accidents in Registered Premises reported: 4

Premises not clean ..	—

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect'ns	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	13	—	—
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	80	28	2	—
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	2	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	93	41	2	—

Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	2	2	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1)(*c*)	*No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council*	*No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists*	*No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises*	*Notices served*	*Prosecutions*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel :						
Making, etc.	75	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cleaning and Washing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Furniture and Upholstery	—	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Artificial Flowers etc.	1					
Stuffed Toys	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	80	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

B.C.G. 1971

School	*No. Skin Tested*	*No. Positive*	*No. Negative*	*No. Vaccinated*
Community School ..	8	—	8	8
Portslade Secondary Boys	64	3	61	61
Portslade Secondary Girls	60	3	56	56
Downs	5	—	4	4
Hillside Junior T.C. ..	4	—	4	4
	141	6	133	133

MASS RADIOGRAPHY 1971
ALL GROUPS

General Practitioner Referrals	220	207	427
Other Examinees ..	1,055	465	1,520
Total	1,275	672	1,947

TUBERCULOSIS—PORTSLADE—1971

	New Cases				Inward Transfers				Deaths				Recovered				Other Removals				Cases on Register				Totals	
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		1970	1971
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
Under 1																										
1— 5																										
5—10																										
10—15																										
15—20	1																				1				1	1
20—25					1																3	1			4	2
25—35														2								4	3		7	14
35—45																					15	9	2	1	27	24
45—65	1	1			1												1				24	21	4		49	45
Over 65		1							1												17	6		1	24	24
Totals	2	2			2				1					2			1				60	41	9	2	112	110

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1971.

DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total cases Notified. 1970	1971
Scarlet Fever	16	16
Whooping Cough	2	15
Measles	50	232
Food Poisoning	2	—
Infective Jaundice	18	2
	88	265

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

Statistics are not available for the year 1971 as vaccination against Smallpox in early childhood was discontinued during the year.

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COMPLETED DURING 1971

Table 1—Completed Primary Courses : Number of persons under age 16

Type of vaccine or dose	*Year of birth*					*Others under age 16*	*Total*
	1971	1970	1969	1968	1964-67		
1. Quadruple DTPP..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Triple DTP	103	197	21	3	2	—	326
3. Diphtheria/Pertussis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	1	—	—	1	1	3
5. Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Pertussis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	1	34	35
8. Salk	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Sabin	108	203	20	3	6	6	346
10. Measles	1	40	30	6	6	1	84
11. Rubella	—	—	—	—	—	19	19
12. Lines 1+2+3+4+5 (Diphtheria) ..	103	198	21	3	3	1	329
13. Lines 1+2+3+6 (Whooping Cough) ..	103	197	21	3	2	—	326
14. Lines 1+2+4+7 (Tetanus)	103	198	21	3	4	35	364
15. Lines 1+8+9 (Polio)	108	203	20	3	6	6	346

Table 2. Reinforcing Doses. Number of persons under age 16.

Type of vaccine or dose	*Year of birth*					*Others under age 16*	*Total*
	1971	1970	1969	1968	1964-67		
1. Quadruple DTPP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Triple DTP	—	—	—	2	48	3	53
3. Diphtheria/Pertussis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	—	—	—	54	4	58
5. Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	27	—	27
6. Pertussis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	1	160	161
8. Salk	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Sabin	—	—	—	2	72	182	256
10. Lines 1+2+3+4+5 (Diphtheria) ..	—	—	—	2	129	7	138
11. Lines 1+2+3+6 (Whooping Cough) ..	—	—	—	2	48	3	53
12. Lines 1+2+4+7 (Tetanus)	—	—	—	2	103	167	272
13. Lines 1+8+9 (Polio)	—	—	—	2	72	182	256

CHIROPODY SERVICE 1971 — PORTSLADE

As from 18th August, 1967, appointments in connection with this service in Portslade have been dealt with through the Hove Public Health Department, and the following figures give some indication of the work done.

PART 1

Number of persons treated during year ending 31st December, 1971

		By local authorities (1)	*By voluntary organisations* (2)	*Total* (3)
1.	Persons aged 65* and over	179	—	179
2.	Physically handicapped or otherwise disabled persons under age 65	6	—	6
3.	Expectant mothers	—	—	—
4.	Others	30	—	30
5.	Total	215	—	215

*Age on date of first treatment during the period.

PART 2

Number of treatments given during year ending 31st December, 1971

		By local authorities (1)	*By voluntary organisations* (2)	*Total* (3)
1.	In clinics	1077	—	1077
2.	In patients' homes	176	—	176
3.	In old people's homes ..	—	—	—
4.	In chiropodists' surgeries ..	—	—	—
5.	Total	1253	—	1253

PART 3

Number of treatments included in part 2 above which were paid for by the Authority on the basis of fees per treatment

Local authorities	1253
Voluntary organisations ..	—
Total	1253

Previously the service was administered by the Portslade Senior Citizens' Club on behalf of the East Sussex County Council.

PORTSLADE CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC
1971

The following summary gives an indication of the work of the Clinic during the yeai : (Hove and Portslade cases) :

Psychiatrist	Diagnostic interviews	39
	Treatment interviews	267
Educational Psychologist	Diagnostic interviews	21
Child Guidance Cases)	Treatment interviews	25
	School visits	20
Child Psychotherapist	Treatment sessions	390
	Clinic interviews	330
	Visits	64
Social Worker	Interviews at Clinic	67
	School visits	13
	Home and other visits	274